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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT

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1. FYI SOVIET EMBASSY SENT BY MESSENGER THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED MARCH 18 CONCERNING INCIDENT AT INTOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK NIGHT OF MARCH 12-13.
2. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE FOLLOWING.
3. "ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 12-13, 1977, SEVENTEEN MEMBERS OF THE 'JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE' ATTACKED THE INTOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HAVING ARRIVED AT THE INTOURIST OFFICE
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IN A FORD MINIBUS, WITH LICENSE PLATE SIGN GO-ALL (NEW JERSEY), THEY ATTEMPTED TO BREAK INTO THE OFFICE BUILDING.

4. "WHEN THE POLICEMAN ON DUTY AT THE INTOURIST BUILDING ORDERED, AS HE SAYS, THIS HOOLIGAN GROUP TO CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET, HE RAN INTO PHYSICAL RESISTANCE. AT LEAST ONE OF THE ATTACKERS WAS ARMED WITH BRASS-

KNUCKLES.

5. "AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK, WINDOWS ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE INTOURIST BUILDING WERE BROKEN.

6. "THE POLICE MANAGED TO ARREST ONLY EIGHT OF THE BURGLARS -- THE REMAINING FLED.

7. "AFTERWARDS, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE 'LEAGUE', WHICH ASSUMED 'RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEMONSTRATION AT INTOURIST' AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL CONTINUE ITS CRIMINAL ACTIONS AT THE BUILDINGS OF THE SOVIET COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN NEW YORK.

8. "THE EMBASSY LDOGES A PROTEST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGAINST THESE ATTACKS BY MEMBERS OF THE 'JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE', AND DEMANDS PUNISHMENT OF THE GUILT AND FULL COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE INTOURIST OFFICE.

9. "FOR PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF THE PREMISES AND OF THE SOVIET CITIZENS WORKING AT THE INTOURIST OFFICE, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE THREATS OF A REPETITION OF SIMILAR ATTACKS, THE EMBASSY DEMANDS THAT THE POLICE DETAIL AT THE INTOURIST BUILDING BE STRENGTHENED."
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